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We promised we wouldn't reveal the identities of the leaders of NY Bite Club.

## Down-low dining

**Inside an underground supper club****By Sarah Zorn***The Brooklyn Paper*

The first rule of NY Bite Club is that you don't talk about NY Bite Club.

So much for the first rule. Husband and wife team Daniel and Alicia (last names withheld, as per the second rule), have been operating underground, members-only dinner parties out of their private, Brooklyn brownstone (undisclosed location — third rule), and various under-the-radar Manhattan residences for the past six years.

"We maintain day jobs and always will—if Bite Club was



It's no secret this Pozole dish was delicious.

a full-time venture with employees and leases and obligations, it would kill our enjoyment of it," Daniel said. "This project was born out of our love for cooking, meeting new

people, and creating a relaxed, homey environment. It's hardly a money-making venture."

Not that it couldn't be—the clandestine nature of the covert supper club plays perfectly into current foodie trends of speakeasies, subterranean cocktail lounges, and unmarked restaurants, not to mention plucky, do-it-yourself ventures that gleefully cut out the middle man (or in this case, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which disallows such establishments under the health code).

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# LANE RE-CYCLED

**City brings Plaza Street West bike path back to life****By Natalie O'Neill***The Brooklyn Paper*

A proposed cycling path that veered off-course amid the controversy surrounding the Prospect Park West bike lane is rolling again.

A two-way bike route on Plaza Street West is back on the drawing board months after the city scuttled plans for the path, renewing cyclists' hopes for a safe lane that will one day ferry two-wheelers to and from the protected parkside bike viaduct.

The Department of Transportation will unveil plans on April 19 to bolster Plaza Street West's current one-way bike route by adding a north-bound lane—two



Cycling advocate Eric McClure is happy the city will build a two-way lane on Plaza Street West that connects to this path.



The battle for Brooklyn's byways

years after the agency first announced plans for a two-way cycling route on the curving street as part of a renovation of Grand Army Plaza.

But when the Prospect Park West bike lane became the subject of a lawsuit and loud opposition, particularly from a well-connected group of neighbors, the city quietly tabled the Plaza Street West lane, citing "the

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# Planks again

**Bar gets Boardwalk makeover****By Daniel Bush***The Brooklyn Paper*

Coney Island's oldest watering hole is in the middle of a brand planking new makeover.

The owner of Ruby's Bar is using discarded Boardwalk wood to spruce up the Great Depression-era dive's honky-tonk interior—ensuring that the beach-front saloon will retain some of its old-school charm when its glitzy

renovation is completed.

Michael Sarrel, who owns the beloved 78-year-old beer-and-burger joint on the Boardwalk near Stillwell Avenue, said he hopes the addition of the planks, which are slowly being removed from the Boardwalk as the Parks Department begins replacing sections of the famed esplanade with concrete and plastic boards, will make longtime Coney Island beachgoers

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Ruby's Bar owner Michael Sarrel is renovating with wood from the Coney Island Boardwalk.

# Same sex — but different tax

**Slope accountant is the go-to-guy for gay couples in historic tax season****By Natalie O'Neill***The Brooklyn Paper*

Meet the "gay tax" man.

A Park Slope number cruncher is making sure marriage remains bliss for Brooklyn's gay newlyweds by curing tax season headaches caused by conflicting

federal laws and recently altered state laws.

Accountant Giacomo Campinoti specializes in helping same-sex spouses cope with Uncle Sam's head-spinning new rules, which require same-sex couples to submit both joint and sepa-

rate tax returns.

"It's not easy—but I can help," he said.

In Brooklyn, where gay marriage is legal, hitched gay couples must prepare multiple sets of tax returns—including a so-called "dummy" return—because federal law

defines marriage as solely between a man and a woman.

The federal stuff gets even more complicated when you add factors such as spousal health insurance policies, favorable head-of-household rates, and child tax credit.

While gay lovebirds are

still cheering the New York state gay marriage legislation that passed last July as a civil rights victory, many admit it has sparked serious tax conundrums.

"There are so many questions and so many 'what if's,'" said Annette Fisher, who

married her partner at Brooklyn Hall.

Fisher said she chose not to file joint taxes this year because the pay-off wasn't worth the effort.

But that's where Campinoti comes in. The account-

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# NIGHT RIDER

**Red Hook cyclist will make your bike glow in the dark for safety****By Kate Briquet***The Brooklyn Paper*

Brooklyn's streets would be safer if all of the cyclists looked like extras from "Tron."

That's the vision of Anthony Clune, a Red Hook bike rider and designer who has created a reflective armor that transforms two-wheelers into glowing neon rides.

Called RydeSafe, Tonky's diamond-shaped stickers are made from

Bikes decked out in the decals re-



Bicyclist Anthony "Tonky" Clune came up with the idea of reflective bikes after he was hit by a car.

# Food cart fracas

**Dispute in Ridge ends with injury****By Will Bredderman***The Brooklyn Paper*

A scrape over a Bay Ridge sidewalk escalated into an all-out war last Saturday, when a controversial halal cart mowed down a Fifth Avenue bar owner during a fight over a coveted corner spot, witnesses claim.

Sammy Kassen, manager of the Middle

Eastern Halal Cart, was trying to reclaim his food wagon's location at the corner of

Fifth Avenue and 86th Street on March 24,

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Manager Sammy Kassen says he didn't run down a critic with his cart.

CNG/Will Bredderman



# Eating local

Foodie and forager Leda Meredith will lead an edible tour of Prospect Park that will culminate with a meal at the Farm on Adderley on April 15. For more on the foraging phenomenon, see GO Brooklyn on page 7.

# Stage fright!

**Northside Williamsburg fears new outdoor concert noise****By Aaron Short***The Brooklyn Paper*

A summer concert series that sparked noise complaints on the Williamsburg waterfront has found a new location—but neighbors of the venue fear sound from the popular outdoor shows will rock their Northside homes.

The parks advocacy group, Open Space Alliance, released a preliminary design last week revealing how it will turn an asphalt lot on Kent Avenue between N. 11th and N. 12th streets into a concert venue—the shows' third location change in the past four years.

But some live music critics say moving the concerts three blocks from their previous home in East River State Park won't address any of the neighborhood's complaints



TOO LOUD: Dog handler Melissa Banks, of Eva's Play Pups, is worried that a new concert venue a block from her kennel could disturb her pooches.

about unruly fans, noisy sound checks, and blaring speakers after the music series moved out of the McCarren Park pool.

And they're already covering their ears because renderings show the stage at the new venue will point inland rather than toward the West River, like it did in the state park last year.

"After all of the problems of offending the neighborhood with noise and crowds in the past few years, they move it just a few blocks north and face the stage at new neighbors—brilliant!" said Williamsburg resident Robin Haggert.

"I love the idea of concerts on the waterfront, but I'm just blown away at how mindless they are about the problems they encountered before."

The new location is on a city lot slated to become a part of the long-planned Bushwick Inlet Park, and Open Space Alliance director Stephanie Thayer says the more industrial setting should be easier on Northside residents than East River State Park, which is flanked by new condos.

"We have moved our venue See NOISE on page 13

# The trouble with bubbles

**Some say plan to pump air into Creek just stinks****By Aaron Short***The Brooklyn Paper*

The city wants to blow bubbles into Newtown Creek in an effort to clean the polluted waterway, but activists fear the plan will dispense sewage and foul fumes into the air.

Department of Environmental Protection officials are trying to install a new \$115-million aeration system that will pump oxygen into the Greenpoint sludge way so the creek can meet state and federal water quality

standards.

But neighbors and environmental advocates say the plan is only a band-aid solution designed to please bureaucratic bean counters rather than solve the Newtown Creek's problems, which include an antiquated sewer system that floods the canal with raw sewage during heavy rains and 150 years of toxic chemical leaks that are so severe the viaduct needs a federal cleanup.

Worse, they fear the air See BUBBLE on page 12

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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

## WILLIAMSBURG



The deep-fried anchovies served up by Neill and Renae Holland of Bon Chovie at Smorgasburg still can't be paired with a cold beer.

## Dry county

### Waterside food fest still without liquor license

**By Aaron Short**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

The Brooklyn Flea's food festival won a major victory in its quest to serve booze outdoors on the Williamsburg waterfront, but it's triumphant return this weekend will be a dry one.

Smorgasburg—which will open again beside the N. Sixth Street pier on Saturday—found allies at Community Board 1's liquor license committee weeks after the same panel voted against its alcohol bid over concerns the food festival would attract intoxicated revelers.

Brooklyn Flea co-founder Eric Demby managed to win over critics by bringing the board 10 pages of signatures from nearby residents who approve the plan to pair locally made foods with locally made brews and liquors.

"We're excited to provide a platform for Brooklyn's growing community of top notch beer, wine, and spirits producers, and think it'll be a perfect match for Smorgasburg's food vendors," said Demby. "We worked hard to get to this point, and we continue to do everything we can to be a good neighbor."

If CBI's full board signs off on the seasonal liquor license on April 17, Smorgasburg will likely start serving booze inside a cordoned-off pen in the center of the festival in several weeks.

The grub gala will be dry this weekend, but Smorgasburg planners say the event will boast plenty of new mouth-watering goodies that should whet the appetites of Brooklyn foodies.

New vendors will be hawking giant Bolivian empanadas, homemade flavored soy milks, mozzarella balls deep-fried in polenta, fried fish sandwiches, lentil pancakes, and goat milk ice creams, in addition to the beloved array of prepared sweets, beverages and grilled meats that made the fair a major neighborhood attraction last summer.

And if the booze plan goes through, there are several more surprises in store later this year—including a top-secret food and alcohol-pairing project from the carnivorous geniuses at The Meat Hook, who cheered Tuesday's decision.

"I think it's great," said The Meat Hook's Harry Rosenblum. "It shows that the community supported it and the board listened."

A scaled down winter version of the Smorgasburg spent Sundays during the cold months selling local grub from inside the nearby Brooklyn Brewery, where beer is readily available.

## PARK SLOPE

## Condo with extra eco points

### New building to be powered solely by sun, wind

**By Natalie O'Neill**

*The Brooklyn Paper*

A first-of-its-kind condo powered entirely by the sun and the wind will rise in Park Slope—and even preservationists say the hood is the perfect spot for the eco-friendly plan.

Green-minded architects

will build a self-heating, four-story condo complete with a ground-floor bar, lounge, and restaurant on Fifth Avenue and Fifth Street this summer.

The sleek modern residence will feature a roof-top solar panel and wind turbine above its rentable units.

"We're on the forefront of

a movement that is long over-due in New York," said David Scott of Voltaic Solaire, a Brooklyn-based alternative energy company working on the project.

His firm recently teamed up with architects to build a freeway-side condo called "The Delta" in Carroll Gardens—on Hamilton Ave-

nue and Ninth Street—made of recycled materials with a shiny, mirror-like facade.

The Fifth Avenue building will have "a similar look and feel," he said.

Some Park Slope neighbors are protective about the neighborhood's historic character—especially near Grand Army Plaza—saying



Courtesy of Voltaic Solaire

A planned wind-and-solar-powered condo in Park Slope will have the same look as this one in Carroll Gardens.

flashy modern edifices have no place on historic streets.

But Fifth Avenue isn't held to the same standards, said landmark district-boosting resident Peter Bray.

"I wouldn't want to see a house full of solar collectors in the middle of 19th century brownstones, but Fifth Avenue could be a place that integrates old and new," he said.

The building will boast six rentals priced from \$1,600 to \$2,600 and will generate all its electricity and heat on-site—meaning Con-Ed bills won't be a big worry for tenants.

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# Boy, 10, hit by stray bullet in W'burg

## 90TH PRECINCT

**Southside-Bushwick**

A stray bullet struck a 10-year-old boy in the chest while he was standing on Broadway under the J train on April 2.

Police responded to a 911 call at 10:54 pm, when they found the boy laying on the ground near Hewes Street with a gunshot wound in his torso.

Paramedics took the boy to Bellevue Hospital, where he recovered from his injuries. Police are searching for the shooter, but do not have any suspects.

### Bus stop

A passenger fought an MTA bus driver on April 1, causing him to crash the bus at the Washington Plaza terminal, police said.

The driver told cops the passenger became upset that he could not get off at the corner of Havemeyer and Broadway around 1:30 am. That's when the angry passenger said, "Let me get off the f---- bus, I'm late for work," and punched the driver in the face.

### iPhones gone

Two thieves stole a man's iPhone on a Manhattan-bound L train and another woman's phone in the Morgan Avenue station on March 31, but were arrested shortly after, said police.

The straphanger told cops he was on the train with his wife at 5:30 pm when one thief grabbed his phone and another punched him in the face. When his wife tried to retrieve the phone, the punchy perp clocked her, too, he said.

The two troublemakers walked into the next car and

got off near Harrison Place, according to police.

Two hours later, they swiped another iPhone from a woman sitting on the platform bench, cops said.

She got up to defend herself, so one thief knocked her down and slammed her against the wall, she told

A few minutes later, police arrested two suspects and recovered one of the phones.

### Montrose mug

A thief stole a woman's purse and iPhone in the lobby of her Montrose Avenue building on April 1.

Police arrested two 14- and 16-year-old suspects, who they say had the phone, later that night.

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1:15 am when the teens approached her and followed her home. When she got to her door, they choked and punched her and grabbed her bag, she said.

Five minutes later, the thieves approached another woman sitting on her S. Second Street stoop, stole her iPhone, and ran down Berry Street, said cops.

Police arrested two 14- and 16-year-old suspects, who they say had the phone, later that night.

### iSwiped

Two thieves stole a 14-year-old boy's iPod on Marcy Avenue on March 30.

The victim told police he was near Rutledge Street at 9:05 am when the thugs approached him and threatened, "Give me your iPod. I have a gun. We can do this the easy way or the hard."

So the teen turned over his iPod and the thugs ran away.

### iPhone burglary

A masked man carrying a pipe stole an iPhone from a White Street apartment while its tenant slept on March 31.

The victim told police he was near Rutledge Street at 9:05 am when the thugs approached him and threatened, "Give me your iPod. I have a gun. We can do this the easy way or the hard."

So the teen turned over his iPod and the thugs ran away.

### Berry choker

Police arrested two teenage boys who they say choked a woman and stole her cash on Berry Street on March 29.

The victim told police she was near N. First Street at

returned four hours later, he saw that his band's guitars, keyboard, effects pedals, cymbals, and drum set were gone.

### Dodge swiped

A thief stole a Dodge parked on S. Fourth Street sometime between March 23 and April 1.

The driver said she parked her car near Wythe Avenue at noon, but when she returned on April 1 at 4 pm, she saw it was missing.

### Station agent

A thief stole a Mazda parked at a Union Avenue gas station on March 28.

The driver told police that he was pumping gas at the station near Broadway at 2:30 pm when he felt ill.

He went to Woodhull Hospital and left his car at the station. When he returned and hour later, his car was gone.

— Aaron Short

## 84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

### Cut up

A vicious crook was arrested inside his apartment between Cook and Varet streets at 5:15 am and saw the hoodie-clad thief inside his apartment. That's when he screamed and the intruder ran out of the apartment with his phone and \$400.

### Game's over

A burglar stole \$4,350 in home electronics from a Boerum Street apartment on March 28.

The victim told police he left his apartment between Bushwick Avenue and White Street at 9:15 am. When he returned at 8:30 pm, he found his front door was kicked in and his TV, video game system, computer, and cameras were gone.

### Rough gig

A thief stole \$10,000 in music equipment from a car parked on McKibbin Street on March 26.

The driver told police he parked his car near Bogart Street at 3 pm, but when he

car near Hicks Street at 4:30 am, steal the rims, and flee four minutes later.

### Nice guys

Self-described "good" robbers jumped a man on Bergen Street on March 30, but agreed to let him keep his cellphone before running away.

The victim told cops he was between Bond and Nevins streets at 10:20 pm when two thugs stopped him and one demanded, "Give me all your money, your cellphone, and empty your pockets."

The man handed over a dollar and his iPod, but pleaded with the crooks to let him keep his phone.

One of the thieves agreed, saying, "We are good robbers."

Then the crook extended his hand but the man said he refused to shake it and the robbers fled.

### Metro mess

A teenager beat up a security guard who tried to break up a fight in MetroTech Center on March 29.

The security guard said he separated a group of teens who were fighting near Wiloughby Street at 8:45 am.

That's when one of the combatants struck the guard in the face with a lock. The security officer was treated for a swollen eye at Brooklyn Hospital.

The incident did not result in any arrests.

### Car break-in

A thief stole electronics from a car parked on Fulton Street on March 29.

The victim said he parked the vehicle between Elm Place and Bond Street at 2:45 pm. When he returned 45 minutes later, a rear window was smashed and a cellphone, radio, and amplifier were missing.

### Van plan

A crook stole construction equipment from a van on Front Street on March 27.

The van's owner said he parked the vehicle between Gold and Bridge streets at 1:47 pm. When he returned at 2 pm, the van's back door was broken and a saw and hammer were gone.

— Daniel Bush

## 78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

### The visitor

A jerk stole some jewelry from an apartment on Seventh Street on March 28.

The 46-year-old victim told cops she entered her apartment near Fifth Avenue at 11:45 am and heard a noise upstairs. "Hello?" she shouted, then heard someone skedaddle — and saw a gold car speed off outside.

She went upstairs, only to discover that her sapphire ring, several gold necklaces, and earrings worth nearly \$9,000 were gone.

### Black chrome

A gun-wielding crook robbed a man for his iPod Touch on Court Street on March 21.

The victim told police that he was near Baltic Street at 3 pm when the goon approached and drew his firearm. "Give me your s---, mother f----," the thief barked, and snagged the victim's \$250 device.

### Tool time

A thief plucked power tools from a Clinton Street house that was under renovation on March 21.

The victim told police that he left his home between President and Union streets at 11:30 am, and returned later to find his front door ajar and his \$350 framing gun, \$300 drill hammer, and various drill attachments worth \$120 missing.

— Colin Mixon

## 88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

### Ransacked

Burglars struck an apartment on Hanson Place on March 29.

The 22-year-old victim told cops she left her place between S. Elliot Place and S. Portland Avenue at 1 pm, returning at 8:40 pm only to find her front door open, \$500, and some clothes gone.

### Find me

A jerk pilfered electronics from a car parked on Fulton

Street on March 27.

The victim told cops that they left their company's car between Washington Avenue and St. James Place at 2:25 pm. When they returned five minutes later, the discovered that their navigational system, digital radio player, and cellphone were gone.

### The geek

A thief swiped a video game player from an apartment on Sixth Street on March 27.

The 23-year-old victim told cops the thief entered her apartment near Fifth Avenue between 6:40 and 8:40 pm, grabbed an XBox and three laptops, and fled.

A neighbor said she heard and saw nothing.

— Natalie O'Neill

## 76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Red Hook

### Time thieves

Two thugs beat and robbed a man on Smith Street on March 31.

The 43-year-old victim told cops she was shopping at a store between Navy and Prince streets at 3:30 pm. After about an hour, she noticed her wallet was missing.

### MT-hey!

A thief stole a woman's wallet in the Atlantic Avenue subway station on March 28.

The 27-year-old victim told cops she was in the station at Flatbush Avenue at 6:35 pm, where other strap-hangers kept bumping into her.

### Beat for beats

Two 14-year-old kids were arrested for allegedly stealing another boy's headphones on Luquer Street on March 28.

The victim, 14, told police that he was in a fight with the suspects near Clinton Street when one of the boys grabbed his bag and ran off. The bag was later recovered, but the boy's Dr. Dre Beats headphones, worth \$350, were missing.

### Black chrome

A gun-wielding crook robbed a man for his iPod Touch on Court Street on March 21.

The victim told police that he was near Baltic Street at 3 pm when the goon approached and drew his firearm. "Give me your s---, mother f----," the thief barked, and snagged the victim's \$250 device.

### Tool time

A thief plucked power tools from a Clinton Street house that was under renovation on March 21.

The victim told police that he left his home between 73rd and 74th streets at 8 am on March 30 and came back on April 1 at 12:30 pm, only to find that his door was kicked

in, and a TV, cable box, modem, surge protector, and his bottle of manly scent were all missing. The police are checking surveillance tapes to try and catch a glimpse of the muskled bandit.

### Bad dreams

A crook came in to an Oliver Street home through the bathroom window while the homeowner was sleeping on March 27 — and snatched her computer, wallet, and briefcase.

The victim told the police that she dozed off in her apartment between Shore Road and Marine Avenue at 11 pm. When she woke up at 4:30 am, she realized that she had been robbed of her MacBook Pro, credit cards, suitcase, and identification.

— Will Bredderman

## 94TH PRECINCT

### Greenpoint-Northside

### Window bandit

A thief hit two apartments in a Bedford Avenue building on March 27.

The tenant told police she left her apartment near N. Sixth Street at 12:30 pm, but when she returned four hours later, she saw her bedroom window was open and her jewelry was gone.

### Donut holes

A thief stole \$150 from the Peter Pan donut shop on Manhattan Avenue on March 30.

The baker told cops he locked up the shop near Norman Avenue at 11 pm, but when the store's manager returned at 3:30 am the next day, he saw that the glass front door was broken and the cash was removed from the register.

### Bombay burglar

A burglar stole \$850 from a Manhattan Avenue Indian restaurant on March 28.

The owner told cops he locked up his establishment near Norman Avenue at 11 pm, but when he returned at 11:30 am the next day, he saw that the cash register was open and his cash was gone.

### iPhone grab

A 22-year-old pickpocket allegedly stole a 16-year-old boy's iPhone on Bedford Avenue on March 30.

The victim told police he was near Lorimer Street at 10:15 am when the thief stopped him and grabbed the phone from his front pocket of his pants. Cops arrested a suspect a few blocks away.

### iSwipe

A robber stole a man's iPhone on Skillman Avenue on March 30.

The victim told police he was near Woodpoint Road at 10:30 pm when the bandit snatched his phone and ran down Jackson Street.

### Lights out

A thief stole a set of studio lights and radio wire from a car parked on Russell Street on March 25.



**BROOKLYN BOUND:** NCAA champ Kentucky is headlining the inaugural Barclays Center Classic this fall — and that's not the arena's only huge get.

## Barclays battles MSG

Brooklyn's new arena snags big gigs from Meh-hattan

By Daniel Bush  
The Brooklyn Paper

The soon-to-open Barclays Center snagged the Golden Gloves amateur boxing finals from Madison Square Garden, dealing its world-famous rival in Manhattan a big blow in the budding rivalry between the two high-profile arenas.

The nation's best young boxers will slug it out at the \$1-billion arena on Flatbush and Atlantic avenues next year instead of at the aging but recently-rehabbed Manhattan venue — marking the first time in the contest's 86-year history that fighters won't take their corners in the squared circle at Madison Square Garden, officials at Barclays announced on Tuesday.

"We are excited to host such a New York institution," said Barclays Center CEO Brett Yormark. "There's such a rich heritage of boxing in Brooklyn, and we are thrilled to make the sport a major part of our new arena."

Poaching the celebrated boxing championship from Madison Square Garden is only the latest big coup for the 19,000-seat Barclays Center, which is the centerpiece of developer Bruce Ratner's contentious Atlantic Yards mega-project.

The future home of the Brooklyn Nets also snatched up:

- The Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, a popular college basketball tournament that's been played at Madison Square Garden since 1998.
- A concert by opera star Andrea Bocelli, who spurned the city for the Barclays Center.

The New York Masters, the area's first horse-jumping contest since the National Horse Show left MSG in 2000.

The Barclays Center will host other top-notch basketball tournaments including the Atlantic 10's conference championship and the Legends Classic, pulling them away from re-

gional arenas like the Prudential Center, Izod Center, and Boardwalk Hall, all in New Jersey.

Pugilists, equestrians, and basketball fans crowded that the Barclays Center is already outshining its competition, though it has yet to open.

"MSG still considers itself the mecca of boxing but the Barclays Center could light a fire under the Garden," said Bruce Silverglade, the owner of Gleason's Gym, the legendary DUMBO workout space. "It's going to be ter-

rific for Brooklyn."

Rap mogul Jay-Z will christen the Barclays Center with

concerts starting on Sept. 28.

In addition to music and pro

hoops, the arena will also host the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus, Disney on Ice, a pre-season hockey game between the New York Islanders and New Jersey Devils, and a college basketball match-up between Maryland and reigning champs Kentucky.

The Nets will begin regular-season play at the Barclays Center in November.

### Coming attractions

By Daniel Bush  
The Brooklyn Paper

The Barclays Center has already stolen major gigs away from Madison Square Garden, but the Manhattan venue still boasts a number of offerings—from sports to rodeos—that could be ripe for the taking:

#### The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Dog-loving Brownstone Brooklyn could be a great home for the 136-year-old poochfest, especially considering that the Brooklyn Mutt Show is already a big hit.

#### The Professional Bull Riders Invitational

A bull-riding contest might seem out of place in Brooklyn, but with all its ups and downs it could be a perfect fit for an arena that's a part of the controversial \$5-billion Atlantic Yards project.

#### The Public School Athletic League basketball championships

Brooklyn-born greats like former Lincoln High School star Stephon Marbury would have home field advantage if city school finals moved to the borough.

#### American Cup

The world's best gymnastics tournament doesn't necessarily need to be held in the world's most famous arena—and who says Madison Square Garden will keep that title for long, anyway?

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KNOCKOUT: The Barclays Center snagged the Golden Gloves amateur boxing finals from Madison Square Garden.

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# NO SHOW

**July 4 fireworks won't be seen in Brooklyn, again**

By Eli Rosenberg  
The Brooklyn Paper

The skies over the East River will be dark yet again on July 4 when the city's biggest Independence Day fireworks spectacular soars over the Hudson River for the fourth straight year — and Kings County politicians are smoking mad about it.

Elected officials and neighborhood leaders from Brooklyn's booming waterfront communities denounced the snub on Monday, argu-

ing that the faraway fireworks show is only fun for people who live in Manhattan or New Jersey.

"The New York City firework show should be city-wide," said State Sen. Daniel Squadron (D-Brooklyn Heights). "Right now, New Jersey gets to enjoy the fireworks while Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx are left out of the party. That is simply unacceptable."

Brooklynites can't fathom why a borough with a boom-



File photo by Tom Callan

July 4 won't look anything like this, thanks to plans that call for shooting off fireworks from the Hudson River for the fourth straight year.

ing waterfront that could boast perfect views of rockets red glare from Red Hook to Greenpoint — not to mention acres of new parkland ideal for fireworks-gazing at Brooklyn Bridge Park —

keeps seeing its July 4 dreams go up in smoke.

"It is long overdue that the Fourth of July fireworks return home to the Brooklyn Bridge — an iconic setting that typifies the spirit of July 4 and represents the unity of [the city]," said Doreen Gallow, the executive director of the DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance.

Macy's, the New York City-based department store that sponsors the July 4 tradition, moved the light show to the Hudson River in 2009 to commemorate Henry Hudson's exploration of the eponymous waterway 400 years ago.

The current location isn't set in stone, according to Macy's spokesman Orlando Veras.

"Exclusively limiting the show to any particular area would greatly hinder the creative freedom that has made it the nation's best and largest Independence Day display," said Veras,

At least this year, Brooklynites won't have a chance to see bombs bursting in air over the West River — and that's a let down for borough residents lucky enough to have rooftop access.

"It doesn't make sense that New York City has a fireworks show that you can see in New Jersey," said Rachel Leibman, a Williamsburg resident.

"I had a party last year on my roof — and it just wasn't the same without the fireworks."

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# Democracy in action

**Brooklynites vote to stop Prospect Park puddle**

By Natalie O'Neill  
The Brooklyn Paper

Cyclists and runners will score a flood-proof new roadway in Prospect Park thanks to a revolutionary, American Idol-style experiment in civics.

The city will repair a puddle-ridden portion of the park's beloved loop after two lawmakers hatched a plan to let Brooklynites vote on how to spend \$2 million in public cash.

The big winner is a \$205,000 project intended to fix a shoddy drainage system on Park Drive near Park Circle, where a rainstorm-induced mini-lake often forms — obstructing a roadway used by runners, cyclists, rollerbladers, and, at times, cars.

Cash will also go to repairing drains next to a walking path that borders Long Meadow near Grand Army



Courtesy of Anne-Karin Trize

This puddle on Prospect Park's popular roadway will no longer exist thanks to popular vote.

Plaza that's popular among dogs, dog owners, and stroller pushers.

The revamp also includes adding ten trash cans near Long Meadow, repaving the pedestrian path, and reconstructing the lawn adjacent to it.

Roughly 2,200 people voted on the so-called "Participatory Budget" put forward by Councilmembers Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) and Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush) last weekend.

"It's what local government is all about; it's democracy at

its best," said Lander.

About 650 people voted for the park makeover, which received the more cash than any other project.

Lander, who allocated \$1 million for the constituent service popularity contest, said other winning projects include:

- A \$150,000 bathroom renovation at PS 124.
- A \$165,000 Gowanus Canal composting system.
- A \$100,000 district-wide tree planting initiative.

Prospect Park Spokesman Paul Nelson said a similar roadway project was already in the works, but that the extra cash will speed things along. It will likely be complete in 2014.

"It will allow us to complete this work much sooner than originally planned," Nelson said. "We are grateful."

# Technology on the move

**Will web companies leave DUMBO for Downtown?**

By Kate Briquet  
The Brooklyn Paper

Everyone in the tech industry wants to be in DUMBO, but there's an elephant in the room — the neighborhood is full, and the nearby alternative just isn't as cool.

Brooklyn's own Silicon Valley has become so hot that there's now only a 2 percent vacancy rate for office space in the neighborhood, leaving city planners scrambling to make Downtown more appealing to the borough's burgeoning creative set.

"This is the tightest it's been in commercial DUMBO since the 1950s," said real estate broker and expert Chris Havens. "Where else can these creative tenants go?"

Borough boosters say Downtown should become the next digital boom town, but techies say the nabe just doesn't have the same vibe as DUMBO — which is so synonymous with the web that it became the first neighborhood in the city to offer neighborhood-wide free Wi-Fi last year.

And it's not just easy internet access that's the problem.

"Downtown is sort of lacking in culture, and that's a big part of modern day tech companies," said Andrew Zolty, creative di-



DUMBO's tech sector is so hot that there's hardly any real estate left for techies (from left) Freddie Pivovsky, Eduardo Garcia, Rachel Higgins, Simon Endres, Jeff Kurtzman, and Michael Geer.

rector at the DUMBO digital firm Breakfast. "It goes well beyond the companies themselves. Are there the right bars and restaurants? I don't know if I could picture us of us there."

The DUMBO Improvement District, Brooklyn Yard, and Downtown Brooklyn Partnership have joined forces to launch a task force seeking ways to nurture the borough's tech sector, both inside DUMBO and beyond. That includes mak-

ing Downtown more palatable for startups by improving streetscapes, creating a shuttle bus system between the startup neighborhoods, and providing attractive commercial space.

"We're in a place that's conducive to being creative and producing innovative stuff," said Pivovsky, who launched his shared workspace on Jay Street in DUMBO last year and is moving into a bigger space to accommodate a waiting list of artists and innovators. "Instead of turning people away, we had to find a way to get more space."

DUMBO might have more appeal, but Downtown does have one thing that all companies want: cheaper rent.

"If we can take advantage of any untapped real estate reserves, there's more of a chance of that happening in Downtown Brooklyn than any other neighborhood in New York," said Small Planet CEO Gavin Fraser. "But it will definitely be a challenge."

# WOOD...

Continued from page 1

ers feel right at home.

"We want to make sure that we keep all of our loyal customers," Sarrel said. "Using the Boardwalk wood was the perfect way to do that."

Sarrel is spending \$10,000 to rebuild Ruby's bar with wood from the walkway. The taproom's wainscoting, bathroom and parts of its ceiling will also feature pieces of repurposed timber from the iconic Boardwalk, which opened in 1923.

Sarrel said he got the wood for free from the Parks Department, which ripped up sections of the Boardwalk as part of its \$30-million renovation of the aging, 2.3-mile span, which stretches from Brighton Beach to Sea Gate.

Bringing the Boardwalk to Ruby's is just one phase of an expensive face-lift that Sarrel said is costing him more than \$100,000 — but the bar would likely have been torn down altogether had it not been for a last-second agreement to keep it intact.

Ruby's was one of the so-called "Boardwalk Eight" — longtime Coney Island businesses that fought to stay alive after Central Amusement International was given control of their leases by the city in 2009 with a mandate to transform the People's Playground

into an upscale, year-round tourist destination full of hotels, restaurants and new attractions.

In 2010, a court ordered Central Amusement to let seven of the businesses remain open for one more season, after the amusement giant tried to replace them with fancier shops.

Last year, Ruby's and Paul's Daughter signed deals to stay on the Boardwalk, provided they get costly makeovers. But the rest of the shops — including Cha-Cha's Bar and Beer Island — were forced to close.

Sarrel said Ruby's will feature new floors, lighting, and bathrooms in addition to the decorative strips of Boardwalk lumber.

Boardwalk lovers cheered Ruby's decision to preserve a piece of the promenade.

"It keeps a historic part of Coney Island alive," said Todd Dobrin, the president of Friends of the Boardwalk.

Last month a city panel approved the Parks Department's plan to replace a section of the Boardwalk in Brighton Beach with concrete and recycled plastic lumber — angering residents who fear the project will pave the way for the city to turn the rest of the walkway into an ordinary sidewalk.

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# Park to table

*Foragers teach Brooklynites how to live off of the land*

By Eli Rosenberg

*The Brooklyn Paper*

**S**ome people are treating Brooklyn's backyard like it's the borough's vegetable garden.

Intrepid foodies are foraging for greens in Prospect Park, and they say it's more sustainable, more affordable, and more enjoyable than shopping at the farmer's market — even though it's against park rules.

"Free food is good!" said Leda Meredith, a foraging pro who will bring a band of gatherers to the green space on April 15 before a four-course meal inspired by foraged fare at the Farm on Adderley in Ditmas Park.

"You get to interact with the natural landscape in a way that helps the environment — and there is this great treasure hunt aspect to it," said Meredith, who's been leading tours of Prospect Park for more than a decade.

And now's the time to do it: Prospect Park edibles are sprouting early this year, due to the second warmest New York City winter on record.

Wild greens, edible flowers, wild garlic, and early mushrooms are just a few of the goodies popping up in the borough's biggest park — and Meredith says the season's bounty is one of the best in years.

"It is phenomenal right now because



Eating local: Foraging extraordinaire Leda Meredith samples a redbud tree in Prospect Park.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

## FORAGING DOS AND DON'TS

Foraging in Prospect Park can be nutritious, delicious, and a little bit illegal — but tickets from park rangers aren't the only thing locavores should fear. Poisonous and toxic plants abound in the park. This is by no means a comprehensive guide (please consult with a health expert!), but here are three things foragers say are safe to eat in the park — and three things that aren't:

**SAFE**

**Dandelion:** A plant for resourceful times, dandelion has greens, flowers, and roots that are all good to eat. And you can make wine from them!

**NOT SAFE****Poison Hemlock:**

It looks like fennel and

has a similar licorice-like

aroma, but hemlock is not

a plant to ingest. Socrates

famously drank a cup of

tea made from the stuff after being condemned to death in 399 BC.

**Pokeweed:**

Various parts of the invasive plant

can be consumed if prepared

properly at the right time of the year, but for the most part the plant, its berries, and its roots are toxic.

**Poisonous nightshade:**

Despite the facts

part of the same plant family that includes potatoes, eggplants and chili peppers, poisonous nightshade is toxic and can be deadly. Don't be fooled by the berries! (pictured right)

of the warm winter," she said. "There's a double abundance of things out there as well as plants you wouldn't normally see for another month."

The people behind the Farm on Adderley say the move toward foraging is just the natural extension of dominant trends in the foodie movement, from organic fare to locavore cooking.

"People are realizing how much better food is when it comes from nearby and it doesn't have to travel at all," said the locavore lounge's events coordinator Stephen Sheffer, whose restaurant does not plan to serve food foraged from Prospect Park at the meal. "Plus, that's at the crux of the philosophy of the restaurant."

Foraging is forbidden under parks rules, which stipulate that plants and flowers cannot be removed from green-spaces, a Parks Department spokesman said.

But foragers insist they are helping the environment and doing the work of Parks employees for free by clearing the park of invasive plants and weeds that just happen to be edible — and tasty.

"If I'm digging up burdock root you could say I'm damaging park property, but on the other hand, the Parks Department brings in people to come in and weed out things like burdock because it's invasive," said Meredith. "But you do have to be sure that you're harvesting in a way that doesn't disturb the environment."

## THEATER

### Hats off!

Brooklyn is about to be bowled over.

Magicians Trey Lyford and Geoff Sobelle are heading to Kingsborough Community College on April 21 to perform their hit show "All Wear Bowlers" for the first time since 2007 — a gravity-defying display that could actually put the men in traction.

"We have to try to not to hurt ourselves — it's a pretty physical show," said Lyford, co-creator of and a performer in the show. "It'll be the same show though, except we're a bit more bald than last time."

The show revolves around the antics of two vaudevillian silent movie characters who are transported into a strange, alternate dimension where gravity forgets which direction is down and reality can't make up its mind.

"It's a magical show. We create surreal moments on stage where the impossible happens, and moments of surprise, where gravity stops behaving the way it should," said Lyford.

"All Wear Bowlers" at Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. near Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000] on April 21, 8 pm. Tickets are \$25.



## TRAVEL

### Tiny trips

Who says you gotta leave Brooklyn to travel around the world?

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"People used to take road trips — now we can take creative and affordable mini-trips," said expo creator Caylin Sanders.

Dozens of food-and-travel-centric vendors — including rooftop farms, historic soda shops, and hip hotels — will show off Brooklyn-based daytrips and getaway ideas at the Fort Greene event.

The expo will also feature short weekend getaways such as cheese tastings in Vermont, canal tours, and Vineyard trips to Pennsylvania.

Sanders said the expo caters to families, foodies, folks with eco-friendly traveling priorities, and pteromeranophobics who like to take trips without taking flights.

Brooklyn Farmacy & Soda Fountain owner Peter Freeman, who will have a booth at the expo, said Brooklynites just need a little info and inspiration.

"There's so much at your fingers here; sometimes you don't even realize it," he said. "So this is a blueprint."

Local Food & Travel Expo [1 Hanson Pl. at Flatbush Avenue in Fort Greene] April 14 at 12pm. \$13 for adults; Free for kids. Visit [www.escapemaker.com](http://www.escapemaker.com).

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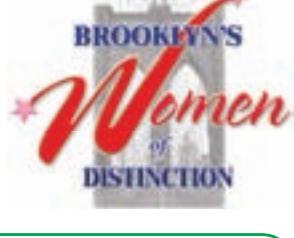
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### FRIDAY

April 6



#### Late for Seder?

Don't pass over this chance to chow down while remembering the sacrifices of your biblical ancestors at the Greenpoint Shul's Passover Seder on Friday night. It may take you three hours and four glasses of wine to find the afikomen, but we're confident it will turn up by Easter Sunday.

6:30 pm. Passover Seder at Greenpoint Shul [108 Noble St. between Franklin Street and Manhattan Avenue, Greenpoint (347) 788-1280], April 6. \$42 per person. Visit [www.greenpointshtul.org](http://www.greenpointshtul.org).

### SATURDAY

April 7

#### One is the loneliest

Some of the world's best musicians are going solo — and they're not alone. That's the concept behind the "The Alone Together Tour," which features drum, violin, and piano one-man performances from Sarah Neufeld of Arcade Fire, Billy Martin of Medeski Martin & Wood, and Gregory Rogove of Devendra Banhart.

8 pm. Littlefield [622 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388], April 7. Tickets \$15.



### SUNDAY

April 8



#### We can do it

Most workin' gals carry Blackberries, not buckets — but this art tour showcases the ever-shifting role of ladies in urban and rural workplace settings. "A Woman's Work is Never Done" juxtaposes female-centric African art with American installations.

4 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000] April 8. Free. Visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).



### MONDAY

April 9

#### Joust kidding

Good fencing makes good neighbors. Perfect your swordplay so you can re-enact your favorite scenes from "The Princess Bride" in fencing camp at the New York Fencing Academy in Coney Island. Classes begin Monday.

Spring fencing camp at the New York Fencing Academy [2896 West, 12th St. between Surf Avenue and Neptune Avenue, Coney Island (718) 996-0426], 10 am-3 pm. Starts on April 9. \$400-\$500. Visit [www.nyfencingacademy.com](http://www.nyfencingacademy.com).



### TUESDAY

April 10



#### Not to be

William Shakespeare is the most famous playwright of all time — but theater buffs know little about the man behind the pen. "Being Shakespeare," a one-man show, is a peek into the heart and mind of the genius himself, featuring a powerful performance by veteran actor Simon Callow (he's not the guy from "American Idol").

7:30 pm. [30 Lafayette Ave. between Fulton Street and Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100]. April 10. Tickets, \$25-\$100. Visit [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

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EGG HUNT: Find the decorated eggs and share in lots of goodies. \$15 (Free for registered members). 2-4 pm. Ms. J's Gym [289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williamsburg, (718) 218-7065].

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*Sketchbook library really checks out*

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Williamsburg's Art House Co-op will exhibit more than 20,000 sketchbooks from artists around the globe who scrawled, painted, cut, pasted, and even carved up two million pages over the past year in the first stop of the Sketchbook Project's seventh annual world tour.

The N. Third Street library will house the paper volumes from April 14 through the end of the month—but you'll need to visit the art space for more than once (or enroll in a speed reading class) to absorb everything.



Sketches galore: Art House Co-op's Caitlin Scholl shows a sketchbook by Canadian artist Hugh Langis.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

If you treat the sketchbooks like flip books and manage to get through one page of art per second, it would take 23 days to finish every single volume in the collection—an impossible goal, according to the Art House Co-op's Eli Dvorkin.

"It's impossible—it's such a daunting amount of work to process," said Dvorkin, whose favorite sketchbook is usually the one he's finished most recently. "We find books, fall in love, share with the rest of our crew, and constantly find new ones."

Artists can sign up online and receive a blank 32-page paper book made from recycled Oregon pulp that they can fill any way they like. When they're done, they send it back to Williamsburg to be exhibited in the Co-op's library space.

"The footprint for the books is really small but they stand up well," Dvorkin said. "You can flip them in a bag or a pocket and take them with you on your adventures."

The only rule is that the artists must keep the books at the origi-

nal dimensions of five inches by seven inches, but everything else is fair play. Dvorkin has seen artists cram text into every corner, turn the books into pop-out maps, and even slip pieces of wood, metal, and plastic onto the pages.

"I'm a huge fan of work that finds a way to expand off the page—books that take on sculptural qualities, fold out into giant maps, dozens of feet long," he said.

Last year, more than a thousand sketchbook fans streamed through the library's doors to check out the new books at its opening. An even larger crowd could show up on Saturday before the volumes embark on an international tour that will bring them to Chicago, San Francisco, Portland, Austin, Philadelphia, Vancouver, London, and Melbourne.

2012 Sketchbook Project Tour at the Art House Co-op [103 N. Third St. between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, Williamsburg (718) 388-7941]. April 14–30. 6–10 pm. Free.

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## The rum diary

By Natalie O'Neill  
The Brooklyn Paper

Rum makers are popping up in Red Hook faster than you can scream, "Yo-ho-ho!"

In the past three weeks, two small-batch rum distilleries have begun bottling organic sugarcane-based hooch that's tasty enough to make Captain Morgan switch labels.

One distillery belongs to Daric Schlesselman—a Comedy Central editor-turned-booze buff—who crafts his vanilla-noted liquor using fair trade, unprocessed sugar at his Van Brunt Stillhouse.

"It's a lot like cooking: I get the best ingredients then use my palate to steer flavor in the most interesting direction," Schlesselman said.

Schlesselman distills the elixir—dubbed "Due North Rum" (\$35), which is not yet for sale—at a low temperature to create a light-but-full-bodied flavor.

He said he opened the 225-barrel operation in Red Hook because there's enough industrial space to set up shop and the hood has a "pioneering spirit."

Rum makers are rare outside the Caribbean—and there are only a handful in New York—but Schlesselman is not the only one anchoring the trade in Red



Drink up: Due North Rum—which Daric Schlesselman makes at the Van Brunt Stillhouse—has subtle vanilla notes.

Hook: Cacao Prieto bottles chocolate-based rum using organic cacao from the Dominican Republic just four blocks away, proving the liquor has sailed far beyond its days as cheap pirate swill.

A spokesman for Cacao Prieto, Alex Clark, said the neighborhood's zoning rules



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### TUES, APRIL 10

**LITTLE LEARNERS CLUB:** Story-time, playtime and arts and crafts for children 2 years old and their moms/caregivers. \$125 per month. 9:30-10:45 am. St. Anselm's Church [365 83rd St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-7643].  
**SPRING FENCING CAMP:** 10 am-3 pm. See Monday, April 9.

**DISCOVERY WEEK:** Families celebrate spring by investigating fragrant flowers and bursting buds. Free with garden admission. 11 am-1 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], [www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org).

**READING, RAJESH PARAMESWARAN:** The author discusses "I Am An Executioner: Love Stories." RSVP required. Free. 7-10 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

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# Sci-fi's new hope

*Greenpointers embark on heroic mission*

By Kate Briquet

The Brooklyn Paper

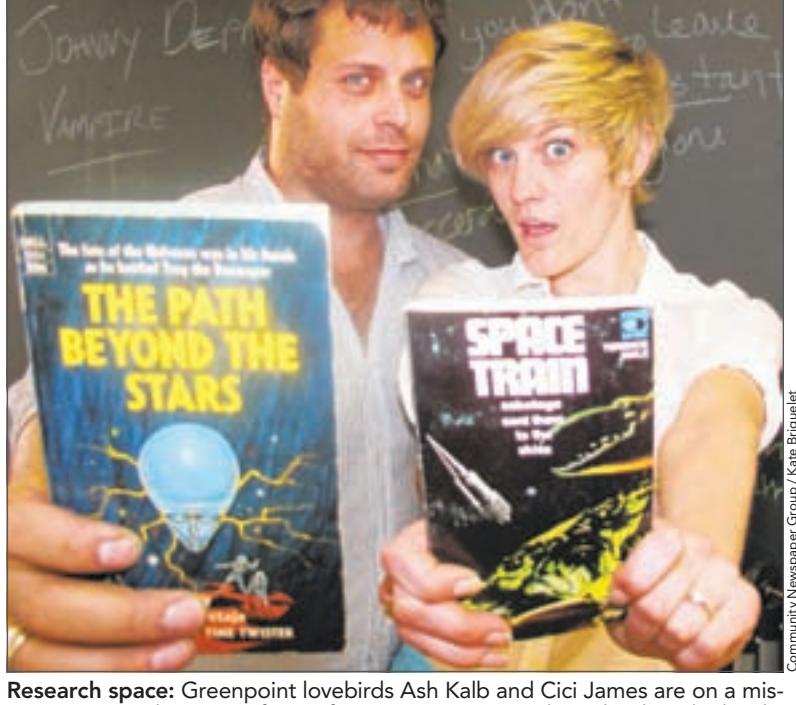
t is the year 2012 — and pulpy science fiction is vanishing from the galaxy. Can these earthlings from Brooklyn stop the tides of fate and rescue scores of forgotten paperbacks?

Greenpoint couple Ash Kalb and Cici James are on a mission to save the science fiction of the 1960s and '70s by scanning the books and putting them online page by page.

"This isn't just about great books," said Kalb, a tech lawyer who founded the project, Singularity & Co. with his actress fiancée. "Nobody in the future will know if they're any good or bad unless we scan them."

The lovebirds acquired 2,000 weird tomes and plan to open a Sci-Fi print bookstore in DUMBO this spring — a space that will double as an office for their day jobs.

Their first selection is Terence Haile's 1962 novel "Space Train," a hilariously campy read about giant space crabs,



**Research space:** Greenpoint lovebirds Ash Kalb and Cici James are on a mission to save pulp science fiction from going extinct — by uploading the books online page by page.

suggested by renowned author Neil Gaiman himself.

But before they can put the book online, they must rove the planet in search of copyrights.

Kalb is on a hunt for the children of the siblings of the now-deceased Haile to get permission to put the book online.

Bud Webster, a liaison for the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, said tracking down estates could be very difficult since people have little to go on except obituaries that mention family members.

"Some authors may never go out of print," Webster said, referring to Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov, whose estates are handled by agents. "But others seem to sink further and further into unfair obscurity every year."

What will happen Michael Moorcock's "The Winds of Limbo" (*Was the Fireclown a power-mad charlatan—or the last hope of Earth?*) or Jerry Sohl's "The Altered Ego" (*He was offered eternal life—The price, a living death!*)?

Singularity & Co. plans to issue a new e-Book each month for little or no cost and will include a page outlining what was learned about the by-gone author along the way.

"This is a detective project," Kalb said. "If we don't do it, they'll be gone forever."

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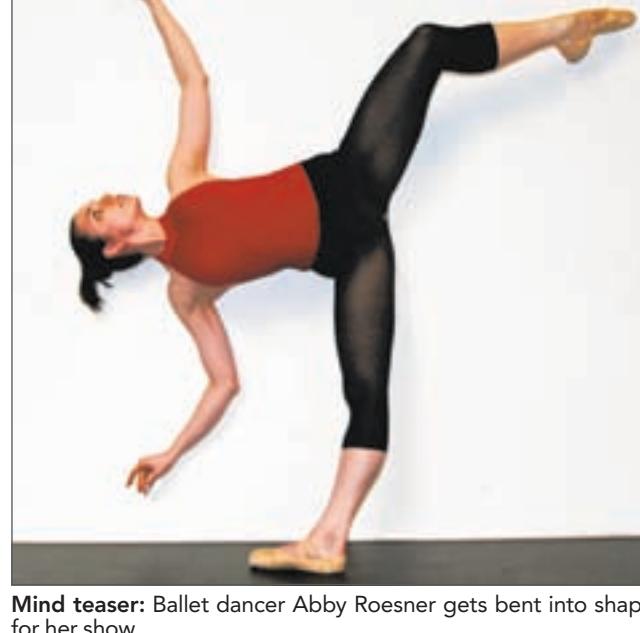
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# Brain dance

*Ballet explores neuroscience*

By Aaron Short  
The Brooklyn Paper

This ballet has brains and brawn. Visual art and dance will collide in Williamsburg next weekend at the debut of choreographer Julia Gleich's new ballet "The Brodmann Areas" at the Center for Performance Research.

The production, which came together in only three weeks and runs from April 12 to April 15, features six dancers interpreting how different regions of the brain, called the Brodmann areas, affect how the body moves.

"Each dance will be built around an idea that may have something to do with the Brodmann Areas and we're going to use that as an idea to investigate how the body can work within the dance context — and we're going to put that into art," said Gleich.

Gleich and her collaborators, including Bushwick artists Paul D'Agostino,

Audra and Margo Wolowiec, and gallery director Jason Andrew, brainstormed choreography that reflects how thoughts and emotions mix, including a duet with a male dancer playing the brain's gray matter and a female dancer as its white matter, and a solo piece where a performer acts out the digits of Pi to 170 decimal places.

"What I found is that as I choreographed Pi, my dancer can recite every digit and she's remembering it as a movement," said Gleich.

The ballet will also feature D'Agostino's black and white images projected onto a wall adjacent to the dancers, the Wolowies' sound and video creations, as well as props like oranges, ladders, and chalkboards — though Gleich hasn't figured out exactly how she'll put everything together.

Andrew, who is producing the show, said bringing artists of different media together for a dance performance is its own success, and if the performance is anything like Andrew and Gleich's well-reviewed

production last year, then audiences can expect something special.

"We'll be ready to go on April 12 with something spectacular and surprising," he said. "You can't go wrong with so many brilliant artists working together."

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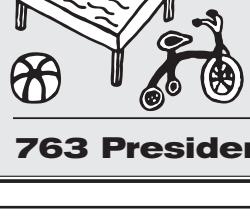
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bike lights.

Michael Green, the Park Sloper behind Bike Blog NYC, said the borough's biking community is experiencing a do-it-yourself renaissance.

"It happened so fast, and it bumped something loose in my caveman brain," said Tonky, a lifelong biker. "I realized I was still alive due to dumb luck."

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motorist on 15th Street in Park Slope.

"The more lights, the better," he said. "I only have a couple of places where I didn't have stickers."

Tonky, who's temporarily working on a project with elite creative agency Wieden+Kennedy in Portland, said he's planning on filming a "Tron"-style race

## CART...

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a spot taken away from him after someone quietly placed two benches atop his normal hangout under the cover of darkness, when several merchants, including Lone Star Bar owner Tony Gentile — a longtime critic of Kassen's cart — created a human barricade, preventing him from backing in.

Kassen moved aside several newspaper boxes — a Bay Ridge Courier bin among them — and was maneuvering into the spot he made for himself when he reportedly backed into Gentile.

Imam Hassanain, who works at the Halal Express Food stand across the street, said he saw Gentile fall.

"A guy was blocking him saying 'you can't come in here,' then he brought the cart in and knocked the guy down," Hassanain remembered.

An FDNY spokesman said an ambulance brought someone suffering from arm and leg injuries from 86th Street and

put, according to spokesman Justin Brannan.

"He just tried to cool things down, until cooler heads could prevail," Brannan said. "The whole situation needs to be worked out by the business improvement district."

Gentile declined to comment for this story.

Kassen said the merchants didn't want him setting up shop near the corner.

"They were saying, 'Hey, you can't come in here.' We said, 'We just want to do business,'" Kassen said. "We got out and we argued, and there was a crowd blooming around us."

A police source said that Middle Eastern's permits are in order, so, if any charges were filed, Gentile would have been taken away in handcuffs since he was preventing a permitted merchant from doing business on a city sidewalk.

Councilman Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) —

who is not related to the bar owner — was getting a haircut at a nearby barbershop when the conflict broke out, and tried to mediate the dis-

prime piece of sidewalk real estate when the benches mysteriously popped up sometime after 4 am — after Kassen closed up shop for the night.

Kassen said that Middle Eastern wants to return to the spot it occupied prior to the benches' enigmatic appearance, and that the business has been in touch with attorneys and city agencies about getting the new street seats unbolted from the pavement.

"We called 311, we called the Department of Transportation, and they all said the same thing — these benches are illegal and they're looking into it," Kassen said.

## BUBBLE...

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bubbles could become a public health risk by churning organic waste to the surface.

"[It's] a very narrow solution to a very big problem that's just addressing current standards for dissolved oxygen," said Phil Musegaas, lead investigator of Riverkeeper, an environmental watchdog group that wrote a scathing letter to the city earlier this month. "It's not improving ecology of the creek at all."

A city spokesman said the bubble plan would not pollute the air or put nearby businesses and residents at risk, citing a 2007 study indicating that air emissions at sewage plants do not cause health problems for workers.

"For the past 75 years, our wastewater treatment plants have been aerating raw sewage at significantly higher levels than what is performed at Newtown Creek," said Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Corey Chambliss. "We've had no documented health issues from employees working at these sites."

But Musegaas says the city's data is moot because it is limited to highly regulated plant facilities — not the great outdoors.

"If you install an aeration system in Newtown Creek it's not in a controlled area, it's in a public waterway used by recreational kayakers and tug boat operators," said Musegaas, who points to a separate study showing

that pathogenic bacteria and endotoxins can become airborne when bubbles rise through the water. "It's a very different scenario."

The city will need state approval before it installs the air pipe, which is part of an agreement with the state to improve water quality and reduce sewage overflow on Newtown Creek by 2017.

Workers already installed a pilot version of the aeration pipes and blower buildings two years ago at the end of Newtown Creek in English Kills near several sewer drains and the Metropolitan Bridge, but officials hope to expand the system across the entire creek by 2015.

Environmentalists, who regularly test the coffee-colored creek for bacteria levels, claim the strong sewage scent that arises from the bubbling made them sick. Musegaas wants the Department of Environmental Protection to launch its own study of aeration on the creek before going forward with its plan.

Greenpoint resident Laura Hofmann questioned the city's commitment to actually cleaning the waterway when gallons of stormwater and human waste continue to drain into the creek after rains.

"What good is having a bubble system in the river if they're going to continue to pour raw sewage into it?" she said. "And if you have a power outage, any fish in that end of the creek will die right away."

## TAXES...

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# PARENT

## Having that Seder — or not?



### The Dad

By Scott Sager

My teenage daughters are in a phase of life where their own interests and friends seem most important at almost every moment, where they would rather spend free time catching up on the latest episode of "House" or "Glee" than with me.

And that can become a real problem this spring holiday season.

Passover begins this Friday evening and I have planned a Seder with my family and friends, as I have for all the years I've lived in Brooklyn.

When my daughters were little, they would always help with the cooking, polish-

ing the silverware, and setting the table before the big event, but now it's hard to drag them away from their devices long enough to help with preparations and I wonder if the reward is still worth the effort.

It got me thinking as to why I even do it. Is it worth all the cooking and cleaning, moving furniture, and pulling out the folding table and chairs to squeeze bodies into our small dining room? What do we all gain from this?

I guess the answer is that we are a Jewish family, that we celebrate freedom and liberty. Our annual ritual communicates a certain continuity and predictability to the year.

And there are other routines that lack some sort of the meaning that gives them the status of traditions. For many years we went to Coney Island right after school ended with the same group of friends, and we spent Memorial Day with grandparents in New Hampshire. But when schedules became too full or better offers came along, these habits fell by the wayside, without a real sense of loss.

There are bad traditions, for sure. After my parents divorced, my mother insisted on continuing to observe New Year's Eve even though she was always very sad at that time of year, making the evening a real downer for me and my sister. I was certainly relieved to get out of that as soon as I could and it took many years before I found new customs to share with my children.

Our Seder is a tradition I created through repetition, making sure that year after year the same people showed up for the same meal, with everyone sitting at the same seats.

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# What a drag!

## Majority of McGuinness Boulevard drivers are breaking traffic laws

**By Aaron Short**  
The Brooklyn Paper

Drivers on McGuinness Boulevard are speed demons.

Two-thirds of cars and trucks exceed the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit on the dangerous four-lane Greenpoint thoroughfare, a study released last week reveals.

Volunteers with cycling advocates Transportation Alternatives and Williamsburg activists Neighbors Allied for Good Growth used a radar gun during four non-rush hour periods between Feb. 28 and March 8 and observed automobiles racing past at speeds as high as 50 miles per hour — a full 20 miles per hour above the limit.

Many motorists weren't even close to the speed limit — one-third of cars and trucks broke the speed limit by five miles per hour or more, the



A study found that two-thirds of vehicles on McGuinness Boulevard regularly break the speed limit.

stats show.

Bike boosters say the numbers prove that something must be done to tame

the roadway, which was the site of 13 crashes between motorists and cyclists, and 44 crashes between driv-

ers and pedestrians, from 2005 to 2009, according to state data.

"These findings provide clear evidence that drivers continue to blatantly disregard the law on McGuinness Boulevard and endanger local residents," said Transportation Alternatives director Paul Steely White.

And with research indicating that pedestrians are 50 percent more likely to die in crashes involving vehicles going 40 miles per hour compared to cars traveling at the city's speed limit, traffic safety advocates are demanding police action.

"The NYPD must step up enforcement of speeding, and until they do, everyone will be risking their lives any time they're near this dangerous road," said White.

Cops say they are enforcing traffic laws on the truck route, particularly at the intersection of McGuinness Boulevard and Engert Street, where they claim they have ticketed drivers making illegal right turns.

"The design of the street, combined with signal timing that encourages the free flow of traffic, means that drivers of large vehicles can speed with impunity," said Greenpoint resident Summer Greenstein.

Councilman Steve Levin (D-Williamsburg) — who is pushing the NYPD to improve its crash investigations — says speeding on McGuinness Boulevard can be stopped with enforcement.

"We have to get speeding under control for the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians and other drivers," said Levin. "We have to vigorously enforce speed laws in New York."

## Reprise for karaoke club

### Crown KTV keeps license

**By Will Bredderman**

The Brooklyn Paper

The State Liquor Authority gave an embattled 64th Street karaoke club accused of allowing underage drinking and drug use a chance to clean up its act — but that second chance came at a steep price.

The agency was poised to pull Crown KTV's liquor licence, but, after meeting with pleading club representatives last Tuesday, said the violence-scarred nightspot could continue to sell booze — as long as they pay a whopping \$30,000 in violations.

The new fines will be in addition to the \$7,000 in penalties the business racked up earlier this month, agency spokesman Bill Crowley said.

Crown KTV owners have just 20 business days to cough up the dough or the Authority will cancel its license. The State Liquor Authority will also keep a close eye on the karaoke club for the foreseeable future, Crowley explained.

"The board chairman was very clear at the meeting that if there were any more violations in the next year, their license will be revoked," said Crowley.



Crown KTV manager Eric Zheng said last summer's bloody fight outside the club wasn't his fault.

last summer, claiming that drugs — especially cocaine — aren't popular with his clientele, which is almost exclusively Chinese.

"I've never heard of any Asians around this area that do cocaine," he said. "If they have something illegal, we throw them out."

Still, Zheng confessed that the club's security could have done more to prevent last summer's stabbing.

"We probably could have done better," Zheng said. "By the time we got out there, the fight was over."

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SUMMONS: BALENTIEN V BALENTIEN SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS, INDEX NO 4902/12; RAYCHELLE BALENTIEN, Plaintiff, against SIGMAR BALENTIEN, Defendant, Summons and Notice in divorce action, venue based upon Plaintiff's residence, cause of action is abandonment. You are summoned to appear in this action by serving a Notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney, Thomas P. McNulty, Esq., 305 Broadway, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10007 (212)344-0272 within 30 days after service is completed and if you fail to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default.

To the above named Defendant, this Summons is served upon you by publication by Order of Hon. Thomas D. Raffaele, a justice of this court, granted on March 15, 2012. The nature of the ancillary relief demanded is: The Plaintiff may resume use of her maiden name, Raychelle Wilson, or any other former surname. The Family Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with respect to any future issues of maintenance and support. The provisions of DRL Section 236 Part B Section 2, (Automatic Orders Notice) and DRL Section 255 (Health Insurance Notice) shall apply. The Court may grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and proper. The relief sought is a Judgment of Divorce.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 56971/2011 Date Summons Filed: 12/29/2011

Plaintiff designates: KINGS County as the place of trial.

The basis of the venue is:

CPLR 509

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

LI XIA WU, Plaintiff

against LI GEN LIU, Defendant

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney, within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken

against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Dated, Brooklyn, New York December 28, 2011 JAMES COSTO Attorney for Plaintiff 6402 8th Avenue, Suite 305 Brooklyn, New York 11220 (718) 680-1818

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL § 17(2) abandonment.

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action.

NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236)

PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW §

236, Part B, Section 2, as added by Chapter 72, of

the Laws of 2009, both you

and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties:

(1) Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fee in connection with this action.

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(4) Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect.

NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

(Required by section 255 (1) of the Domestic Relations Law)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that once a judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or not continue to be eligible for the coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.

**Notice is hereby given**

that an Order by the Civil Court, Kings County on 03/30/2012, bearing Index Number NC-00326-12/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to:

Assume the name of (First) Regina (Middle) Marie (Last) Davila. My present name is (First) Regenia (Middle) Marie (Last) Washington AKA Regina M. Davila AKA Regina Marie Washington. My present address is 114 East 45th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. My place of birth is Brooklyn, N.Y. My date of birth is October 07, 1949.

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that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 04/03/2012, bearing Index Number NC-000335-12/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Angela (Middle) Rose (Last) Favorite. My present name is (First) Angela (Middle) Rose (Last) Favorite. My present address is 985 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211. My place of birth is Los Angeles, California. My date of birth is December 25, 1982

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that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 03/27/2012, bearing Index Number NC-000300-12/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Isaac (Last) Borba. My present name is (First) Issa (Middle) Bachir (Last) Bourabah AKA Issa B. Bourabah AKA Issa Shoukhardin. My present address is 8662 21st Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214. My place of birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is August 02, 1986.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given

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hammad AKA Muhammad Akram. My present address is 2843 Brighton 7th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235. My place of birth is Pakistan. My date of birth is January 18, 1962.

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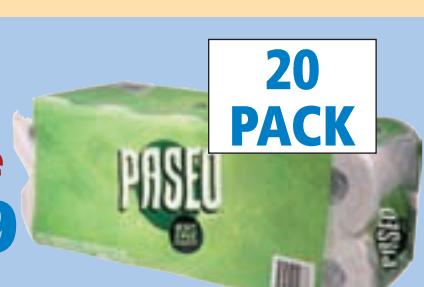
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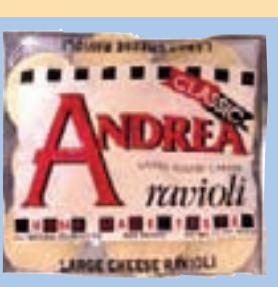
**Paseo Bath Tissue**  
**\$9.99**  
20 PACK



**Minute Maid Orange Juice**  
**2/\$5**  
59 oz.



**Andrea Round Cheese Ravioli**  
**2/\$3**  
13 oz.  
**ANDREA ravioli**



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